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16 JAN 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Arthur Lundahl, Director, NPIC

SUBJECT: Joint DDS&T/NPIC Research Program

1. As indicated in previous discussions between members of our two organizations, it has become increasingly obvious that present uncertain quantitative knowledge of photo-interpreter performance is severely inhibiting our ability concerning the requirements and/or design of new reconnaissance systems. A recently conducted pilot research effort, in which your people made a significant contribution has convinced us that meaningful experimental research can be accomplished in this area.

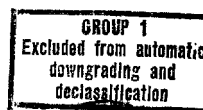
2. [redacted] of SAS/DDS&T have discussed with [redacted] the possibility of an NPIC funded and supported (as far as facilities and experimental subjects are concerned) research program, which would be jointly technically directed by a representative from each of our organizations. [redacted] has agreed to support such a program, which we presently feel will be at about a [redacted] year level for at least one year.

3. SAS/DDS&T is in the process of outlining the areas of research; this outline can then be used with a similar one prepared by your people to form the basis for contractor discussions and work statements.

4. We look forward to an extremely interesting and productive joint effort; it will be the first attempt, as far as we know, in taking quantitative account of the performance of the photo-interpreter in developing design concepts. It is not too difficult, therefore, to anticipate the consequences to be profound indeed.

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Assistant Deputy Director
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